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Past year boasts notable campus news stories, makers

U of A celebrates 100 years as administrative politics, science, and the "God" clause contribute to change

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Throughout the year 2008, U of A President Dr Indira Samarasekera launched the Dare to Discover and Dare to Deliver campaigns while working to promote city-wide participation in the U of A's centenary celebrations.

Samarasekera also unveiled an initiative to promote the University of Alberta worldwide, and hopes to transform the institution into one of the top-20 global postsecondary institutions by 2020. The U of A placed 74th in the 2008 Times rankings, but Samarasekera hopes to advance criteria such as international undergraduate students, student-faculty ratios, and faculty awards.

BOBBY SAMUEL

Former Students' Union Vice President (Academic) Bobby Samuel made headlines several times this past year, starting with his unauthorized use of SU resources to produce what was deemed by SU councillors as pre-campaigning material in his 2008 race for SU president. As VP (Academic), Samuel claimed that he produced the controversial

pamphlets to increase student awareness of the SU VP portfolio. However, the SU categorized his actions as self-promoting and unethical, leading to a series of events that ended in two rulings against Samuel by the Discipline, Interpretation, and Enforcement (DIE) Board. While DIE Board didn't find it necessary for Samuel to withdraw from the presidential campaign, he was forced to pay fines for abuse of his position and to stop all campaigning during the hearing.

STEPHEN BARR

The U of A was catapulted to the research forefront with the discovery of a gene that prevents the spread of HIV, implicating a new potential treatment for AIDS patients. Led by Dr Stephen Barr, a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology, his team of researchers identified the gene TRIM22.

The expression of this essential gene has been shown to block viral assembly, trapping the virulent agent within cells to prevent further infection. While TRIM22's mechanism of action has not yet been determined, Barr's study holds great promise in the future of AIDS treatment by targeting the body's natural defence mechanism against viral infections.

100 YEARS

In 2008, the University of Alberta celebrated 100 years in the City of Edmonton. The University was founded by Henry Marshall Tory in 1908, and has grown from 45 students to 37 000. Athabasca Hall was the first official University building located on the current site and originally served as a student residence and headquarters for all faculties. Before its opening in 1911, classes were held at Duggan Street School, now known as the Queen Alexandra Elementary School.

The 100th anniversary of the official first day of classes came on 23 September, when students, faculty, alumni, and community members joined together to support this achievement by wearing green and gold. The colours were inspired by the autumn trees of the river valley at the University's inception, and the theme continues to represent hope and knowledge to students.

Centenary events were held throughout the year, with many people attending the Prime Ministers Conversation Series, centenary exhibits, concerts, and events in a celebration of the University of Alberta.

CREDIT CARDS NOT AN OPTION

As of 1 July, 2008, the U of A discontinued the option of using credit cards as a method of payment for tuition fees. Quoting a figure of \$1.3 million in annual transaction fees, U of A Vice President (Finance & Administration) Phyllis Clark explained that the administration felt this value would be better spent elsewhere, such as in the improvement

of classroom conditions.

However, the decision created widespread discontent among the student body, where an estimated 50 per cent of students became faced with finding alternative methods of payment.

In efforts to counter the administration's decision, students launched the Dare to Deceive campaign based on the opinion that the University did not consult student representatives appropriately and sufficiently in making their selection. Despite the immense dissatisfaction, the U of A continued through with its initial plan.

CONVOCATION CHARGE MODIFIED

In fall 2008, the University of Alberta Atheists and Agnostics Club (UAAA) brought forward a petition to remove the word "God" from the University's convocation charge, which is delivered to graduating students each year. The General Faculties Council (GFC) Executive Committee formed a sub-committee to draft a new charge that would be inclusive to all students, regardless of their religious beliefs.

In response to the concerns raised by the UAAA, the sub-committee agreed to an altered charge, which states, "I charge you to use [your degree] for the uplifting of the whole people; to inspire the human spirit; for all who believe, to serve your God; and to pursue more steadfastly whatsoever things are true."

The wording will be presented to the full GFC on 26 January, and if accepted, the new charge will be implemented at April's convocation ceremony.

NO PAPER THURSDAY

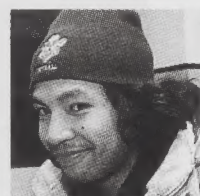
The Gateway editorial staff will be bidding Edmonton adieu this week as we take off for the equally chilly city of Saskatoon and the Canadian University Press national conference. After conferencing, you can expect a brand new issue on stands on 13 January, 2009.

STREETERS

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Jennifer Huygen and Sam Brooks

As you may be aware, the year of 2009 is upon us.

Those who don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it. What lessons did you learn in 2008?


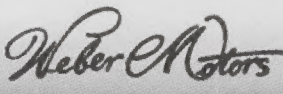
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2008 provincial issues impact all Albertans

Liepert, Hunter, and Cournoyer shake up AB gov't

SEAN STEELS
News Staff

HEALTH MINISTER MAKES WAVES

Calgary MLA Ron Liepert spent his fair share of 2008 in the headlines. The Progressive Conservative Minister of Health and Wellness spent much of the year stirring up controversy with his style of governance and proved he wasn't one to mince words with either the media or political opponents.

In May, Liepert oversaw a stream-line of Alberta's nine regional health authorities into a single health super-board, which resulted in the dismissal of several health care advisors. In December, he continued to introduce a series of changes concerning pharmaceutical coverage and continuing care for Alberta's seniors.

BILL HUNTER LEADS ROYAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

In 2008, Bill Hunter, chairman of the province's royalty review panel, became responsible for some of the decisions that, in the face of economic crisis and environmental dangers, will shape the economic future of Alberta's oil sands developments.

Hunter was appointed to the position in February and his group released their recommendations last September. Brian Mason, leader of

the provincial NDP, and Kevin Taft, the province's Liberal helmsman, supported reform to Alberta's oil and gas royalty system, while Premier Ed Stelmach remained behind the existing revenue-gathering structure.

According to some, Hunter's verdict didn't dig deep enough into oil companies' pockets, leaving the royalty system with relatively few changes. Others agreed with Stelmach, and felt that his was a decision that will likely preserve Alberta through the global financial crisis.

COURNOYER TAKES ON PREMIER

After purchasing the rights to Edstelmach.ca for the low price of \$14 in 2007, Dave Cournoyer, a provincial politics blogger and University of Alberta student, found himself thrust into the 2008 media spotlight when Premier Stelmach found out about the online shenanigans.

Cournoyer, who forwarded the website at one point to a Wikipedia article about former premier Harry Strom and at another point to his own personal webpage, was surprised to receive a letter from the Premier, demanding that Cournoyer give up the website. Despite the government threatening to pursue legal action, the issue was eventually dropped when Cournoyer chose not to renew the URL.

Election results and big oil dominate news coverage

JUSTINE MILTON
News Staff

DUCKS PERISH IN TAILING POND

Approximately 500 migrating mallards died on 30 April after landing on one of Syncrude Canada's partially frozen toxic tailing ponds near Fort McMurray.

The pond, full of toxic sludge, sits along a major flight path for migrating waterfowl. While the province requires that all such ponds have noisemaking devices to prevent the birds from landing, Syncrude's 13 propane-powered cannons surrounding the pond were delayed from being deployed due to a snowstorm.

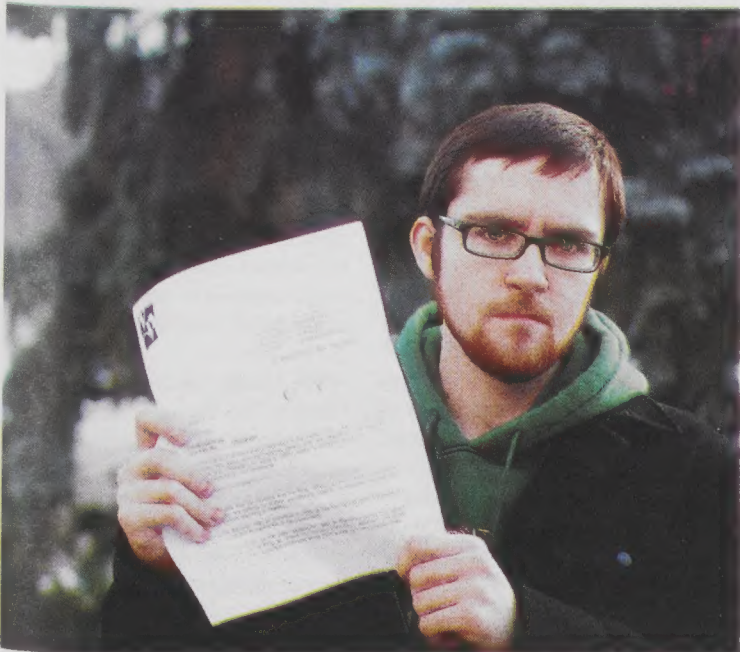
This incident—the largest in the 30 year history of Alberta's major oil sands project—brought weeks of national and international embarrassment to the provincial government, which had just launched a \$25 million campaign to sell the tar sands as an environmentally friendly enterprise.

PROVINCIAL TORIES REAP ELECTION GLORY, EXPAND SEATS

Despite the \$2 million spent on a series of attack advertisements aimed at Premier Ed Stelmach by Albertans for Change—a front group of the Alberta Federation of Labour and the Alberta Building Trades Council—the Tories saw a landslide victory in the provincial election on 3 March.

The Conservatives took 72 of the 83 seats in the legislature, dropping the Liberals to nine and cutting the NDP's bench to two. Voter turnout was the lowest in the province's history, with only 40.6 per cent of eligible voters showing up to the polls.

Following the election, the provincial Chief Electoral Officer put forth 182 recommendations to improve the fairness and running of future elections. Expenses were an issue, with the Tories spending over \$3 million during the election compared to the \$816 000 spent by the NDP and the \$50 000 spent by the Liberals.



FILE PHOTO: RYAN HEISE

STEAL OF A DEAL U of A student Dave Cournoyer displays the letter he received from Premier Stelmach regarding his ownership of Edstelmach.ca.

BEST OF CAMPUS CRIME BEAT 2008

Compiled by Mike Otto and Jennifer Huygen

GRAND THEFT ALCO

At 1am on 14 February, Campus Security officers observed two males and a female running away from SUB carrying pitchers of beer. The trio were stopped for the offence and identified as students. The three admitted to taking the beer from RATT and were charged under the Code of Student Behaviour.

A STOLEN GAMECUBE AND BEER? SOUNDS LIKE MY PROM NIGHT

On the night of 14 November, CSS officers on routine patrol observed two males near the Butterdome burying something in the snow. Further investigation revealed that the males, identified as two students who had been involved in a theft of beer earlier in the evening, had buried a Gamecube in the snow. They claimed that they had borrowed the Gamecube from a friend in Lister Hall. However, the friend later reported that the Gamecube was not hers.

A search of Lister found several wires and a controller for the game system hooked up to a TV in a common area. However, the 'cube was missing and presumed to be the one found in the snowbank.

IT'S A TIE, YOU BOTH LOSE

Just before midnight on 14 November, Campus Security and an ambulance were called to Lister Centre after receiving reports of a male student with severe cuts to the arm. Upon arrival they found two students with deep lacerations to their arms. The pair confessed to having raced from the end of each wing to the lounge, with the winner the first to push open a glass door. They both ended up smashing through the doors in their mad dash for victory and received the aforementioned deep cuts. Both were treated by EMS and one was taken to the hospital for stitches.

GIVE ME BACK MY BREAD

On the evening of 6 November, CSS received a call from a concerned citizen who witnessed a staff member assault a pigeon. The suspect apparently punched the pigeon out of its nest at the ETLC loading dock, picked it up, then proceeded to toss it in a garbage can. The innocent bystander then reported the incident to the SPCA and the Edmonton Police.

WRONG TURN

At around 3am on 18 October, a resident of International House phoned Campus 5-0 to report a naked drunk male in her suite. After Campus Security and Residence Services arrived, they found he was a guest of another I-House resident and that he had become confused after using the bathroom. He was asked to put on his clothes and was given a courtesy ride back to his home elsewhere in the city.

TOO BAD HE DIDN'T HAVE A STUNT DOUBLE

On the evening of 7 September, a member of Campus Security Services spotted two drunk men on the roof of Lister Centre. One tried to evade capture by jumping from the roof but broke his ankle on impact. After refusing medical treatment, the pair were booted off campus and given \$300 in fines. They were not students.



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Canadian University Press (CUP) conference

Maybe you've heard about this awesome organization called CUP, of which the Gateway is a proud founding member. This week the editorial staff along with a few lucky volunteers are driving off to sunny Saskatoon to take part in some annual student journalism fun.

If you're reading this, and are a fan of writing, or perhaps Saskatoon, never fear! There's still time to get involved. With the start of the semester the news section is once again on the prowl for eager new volunteers. By this time next year you could be packing your bags to take part in an upcoming conference.

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Scandal, political controversy, recession plague national news stands of 2008

Prominent Canadian figures had no trouble making headlines this past year

SCOTT FENWICK
News Staff

DION TURFED AS LIBERAL LEADER, IGNATIEFF TAKES OVER

Stéphane Dion's plans to remain leader of the Liberal Party of Canada until this spring, despite his crushing loss in October's federal election, fell apart amid his attempt to topple the Conservative government in December. After leading his party to its worst election result since 1867, Dion announced in October that he would step down as leader in May 2009.

However, with the prospect of leading his party into another election or becoming Prime Minister of a coalition government, Dion resigned on 8 December. To avoid complicating matters, MPs Dominic LeBlanc and Bob Rae pulled out of the Liberal leadership race, already in progress, thus leaving MP Michael Ignatieff the presumptive winner. Ignatieff is due to be ratified as leader by party members at a convention this May.

BERNIER RESIGNS AS FOREIGN MINISTER AMID DOCUMENT SCANDAL

Quebec MP Maxime Bernier, best known for his gaffes as Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister, resigned from his post on 26 May after leaving classified documents at his former girlfriend's apartment. Bernier was apparently unaware that he lost the documents—sensitive briefing notes for a then-upcoming NATO

meeting—for five weeks. However, his ex-girlfriend, Julie Couillard, returned the documents to the government on the advice of a lawyer. The Conservative government rejected calls for an RCMP investigation into possible security breaches, citing privacy concerns.

Bernier and Couillard's relationship first attracted public attention earlier that month, when Couillard's past romantic links with members of the Hell's Angels biker gang surfaced, raising national security concerns. Couillard went on to write a tell-all book about her relationship with Bernier titled *My Story*, and although the book was released days before the federal election, Bernier was re-elected in his rural Quebec riding.

MORGENTALER NAMED TO THE ORDER OF CANADA

Abortion may remain a controversial topic, but that didn't stop Henry Morgentaler, a long-time physician and pro-choice advocate, from being named to the Order of Canada, the country's highest honour, in July 2008. According to the selection committee, Morgentaler was recognized for "his commitment to increased health care options for women, his determined efforts to influence Canadian public policy, and his leadership in humanist and civil liberties organizations." Public reaction, however, was mixed.

Pro-choice groups supported the award, saying that Morgentaler put his life and freedom on the line to

advance women's rights in Canada. On the other hand, pro-life groups criticized the decision, saying that it debased the Order of Canada, thus prompting several members of the Order to return their insignias in protest. Despite the controversy, a poll conducted by Ipsos-Reid in July suggested that 65 per cent of Canadians supported the award.

CBC JOURNALIST, CANADIAN DIPLOMAT KIDNAPPED ABROAD

Two Canadians were kidnapped in two of the world's hot zones in late 2008. Melissa Fung, a national reporter for CBC News was kidnapped by bandits on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan in October. Robert Fowler, a Canadian diplomat and a Special Envoy of the UN to the African country of Niger, was also reported missing in December. Fowler's empty car was found 45 km northeast of Niger's capital. A locally based rebel group, the Niger Movement for Justice, claims that they kidnapped Fowler, as well as his aide and driver, as part of their conflict with the government of Niger and international mining companies. Fowler remains missing.

Fung, in contrast, was released on 8 November after weeks of negotiations. She was kidnapped by local bandits looking for ransom money. Out of concern of Fung's safety during negotiations, CBC requested a press blackout, which was honoured by Canadian media.

Amid political issues, Canada faced several sombre incidents during 2008

CONSERVATIVES CLING TO POWER AMID POLITICAL STRUGGLE

A little over a month after winning October's federal election, Prime Minister Stephen Harper held onto power by a fingernail by heading off opposition parties' attempts to topple his government. It stemmed from the government's fiscal update presented to Parliament on 27 November that proposed to scrap subsidies to political parties, ban public service employees from striking, and lacked a financial stimulus to address the global financial crisis.

In response, the three opposition parties signed an agreement where the Liberals and New Democrats would defeat the Conservatives to form a coalition government with support from the Bloc Québécois. With his job on the line, Harper successfully prorogued parliament, thereby thwarting any attempt to defeat his government until January 2009. Canadians remained divided on the issue, as tens of thousands of people gathered in pro- and anti-coalition rallies

across the country.

TAINTED MEAT KILLS 20

20 people were killed in 2008 after eating meat tainted with bacteria causing listeriosis. The infected meat originated from a Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto. In response, Maple Leaf started a voluntary recall for all products originating from that plant. Michael McCain, President and CEO of Maple Leaf, took responsibility for the outbreak and offered sympathies to victims' families. Four separate class-action lawsuits have been filed in Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia and a national debate developed over whether Canada has enough food inspectors.

To make matters worse, Conservative Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz made national news after the revelation of negative comments he made about the outbreak in August. Ritz was quoted as saying, "This is like a death by a 1000 cuts. Or, should I say, cold cuts." When told of a death in Prince Edward Island, Ritz said, "Please tell me it's [Liberal MP] Wayne Easter." Ritz has apologized for his comments amid calls for his resignation.

BUS PASSENGER BEHEADED

On 31 July, Canadians awoke to the news that a man was stabbed to death and beheaded on a Greyhound bus traveling from Edmonton to Winnipeg. The victim was revealed to be Tim MacLean, a 22-year-old heading to his hometown of Winnipeg.

According to witnesses, MacLean was sleeping when the man sitting beside him, 40-year-old Vince Weiguang Li, produced a large knife and began stabbing MacLean in the neck and chest. It is alleged that Li

decapitated MacLean while fellow passengers fled outside the bus in shock and horror. According to press reports, people who worked with Li said that he didn't have a history of violence.

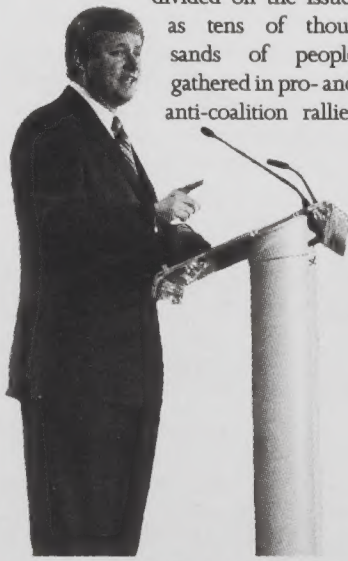
Following the incident, Greyhound Canada pulled its series of ads that included the line, "There's a reason you've never heard of bus rage." The incident has also prompted calls for greater security on intercity buses.

AFGHANISTAN STILL CAUSES CONTROVERSY

A grim milestone was reached this year as the Canadian combat mission in Afghanistan continues, with 106 deaths recorded since the country started operations there in 2002. In 2008, 32 Canadians alone were killed in Afghanistan.

The combat operation in southern Afghanistan has created an ongoing public debate on Canada's role in the country, prompting thousands to rally against it. In the face of criticism of the combat mission, a government commission led by former Liberal MP John Manley presented its recommendations in January 2008, and endorsed an indefinite extension of the mission.

The Manley report largely silenced hostility to the combat operation from opposition politicians. However, polls now suggest that the majority of Canadians are again opposed to the mission. As part of his 2008 federal election platform, Prime Minister Harper announced that Canadian troops will leave Afghanistan in 2011. Canada's operations in Afghanistan to date have cost an estimated \$7.7-billion to \$10.5-billion—of which, just under \$1 billion is earmarked for aid.



MEAGHAN WALTON/THE FULCRUM

International issues overrun with power struggles, money troubles

2008 was chock full of individuals determined to make their own global splash

JONATHAN TAVES
News Staff

PALIN KEEPS THINGS INTERESTING

It would be hard to recall the US elections without remembering Sarah Palin, the Alaskan governor chosen as John McCain's running mate on the Republican presidential ticket. The controversial Vice Presidential candidate drew attention from all sides of the political spectrum. Late-night TV comedians, including Tina Fey of Saturday Night Live, were given a new target for the duration of the election season.

Palin's lack of exposure to the press was one of the many flaws that was attributed to the McCain campaign. Rumors of a division between the Palin and McCain camps also persisted until November, exacerbated as Palin attacked the personal character of opponent Barack Obama. Tasked with boosting the conservative wing of the GOP, Palin ultimately failed to overcome her critics, but did manage to boost interest in the election itself.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

ELECTION RUN TO NOWHERE Hockey mom Sarah Palin donned her lipstick and her bulldog attitude while running for Vice President of the United States.

BROTHERLY LOVE

Early in 2008, the storied rule of Cuba by Fidel Castro officially came to an end after his nearly 50 years in power when his brother Raúl succeeded him as President by a national assembly vote. After seizing power in a revolution in 1959, Fidel became the island nation's prime minister until 1976, when his title became president for the duration of his rule. Health issues limited Fidel's capacity in July 2006, and Raúl assumed presidential duties.

Since his official induction as president earlier this year, Raúl has relaxed some of the more restrictive policies of his brother's communist ideology. Cubans can now purchase items such as cell phones and have fewer restrictions placed on their travel abroad.

PHELPS PROVES GOLDEN

The most famous story from the Beijing Summer Olympics was that of 23-year-old Michael Phelps. The American swimmer dominated the pool, winning gold medals in each of the eight events he entered. In both solo and team efforts, Phelps set new world-record times in all but one race.

This past summer's games brought his Olympic gold medal total to 16—the most of any Olympian—and his single game total of eight golds surpassed the previous record of seven set by swimmer Mark Spitz in 1972. His face became known around the world as the media and lucrative sponsors covered every aspect of his journey towards becoming an athletic legend.

SOMALI PIRATES RULE THE SEAS

The brazen hijackings committed by Somali pirates made headlines a number of times during 2008. Over the course of the summer, dozens of fishing boats and cargo ships from many different nations were harassed or captured by the well-coordinated bandits, the most publicized of which being their capture of a massive Saudi oil tanker in November.

The important shipping lane—the Gulf of Aden, off the Somali coast—attracted international focus as countries such as China deployed additional naval forces to the area in an effort to protect their ships' crews from joining the over 250 other hostages already being held by the pirates.

All eyes were on China this summer, but the US election soon stole the attention

RYAN BEAUVAIS
News Writer

CHINA SEES HIGHS AND LOWS

The People's Republic of China faced a series of difficult and high-profile challenges in 2008. In August, the controversial Beijing Olympics were executed with pomp and, to the surprise of many foreign observers, only a few minor scandals. Despite ongoing human rights criticism of the Chinese government, the Olympics proved a success story for the country, with Chinese athletes taking home an even 100 medals.

This national high point was equally matched by the lows of the eight-point earthquake that killed 69 000 people in the Szechuan province in May, and the recent widespread contamination of powdered milk that has caused nearly 300 000 Chinese infants to fall ill.

Perhaps most threatening is China's national economy. Fueled by foreign investment and export-oriented enterprises, China may suffer more than any other nation from the global economic downturn, having already spent the last decade on the brink of a socially destabilizing unemployment crisis.

ECONOMIC CRISIS FELT AROUND THE GLOBE

Even after housing buyers in the United States defaulted on their subprime mortgage loans in 2007, few

economists could've predicted the scope of the economic crisis that unfurled last year. The collapse of lending institutions following from the sub-prime mortgage crisis resulted in a credit crunch that shook investor confidence in the economy, leading to massive drops in stock markets both domestic and global.

Financial institutions in Europe and Asia have followed the pattern of those in the United States, where the economy officially entered a recession in late 2007. The World Bank predicted in December that the global economy will enter a recession in 2009.

RUSSO-GEORGIAN CONFLICT CONTINUES

Relations between the US and Russia were strained this summer when Russia responded to Georgia's invasion of South Ossetia by launching a full-scale attack against the Georgian Republic. Russian forces mobilized on 8 August in defense of South Ossetia, a secessionist region of Georgia supported by Moscow. Georgia has argued that South Ossetian bombardment of its border villages on 7 August provided ample pretext for its invasion, though independent reports have cast doubt on this claim.

The five-day war came after months of escalating border skirmishes between Georgian police and Russian peacekeeping forces operating in Abkhazia, another contested region.

The conflict also reflects growing tension between Russian and Western spheres of influence. Georgia sits on the only Caspian Sea oil pipeline that doesn't run through either Iran or Russia, and US support of Georgia's government has been viewed by some political analysts as a motive for Moscow's decision to aid the secessionists.

OBAMA ELECTED US PRESIDENT

The election of Barack Obama as President of the United States brought to a close a remarkable political race that effectively revitalized the American electorate. Not only was Obama the first African-American to win the presidency, but Hillary Clinton and Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin were the first female politicians to come within striking distance of the White House in 25 years.

The 61.6 per cent voter turnout, the highest seen in a presidential election since 1968, reflected both the historic character of the election and its high stakes. Issues such as the war in Iraq, the tarnishing of America's reputation abroad, and a sudden economic decline underscored the importance of political participation.

A Republican party fractured by the toxic political climate left behind by George W. Bush, as well as Obama's consistent branding, resulted in a Democratic sweep of Congress and the White House.

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OUR POLITICAL MACHINE FREQUENTLY PROVES out-of-touch with Canadians as well as what is ethically right, and this is exemplified when it comes to crime and punishment. Our sentencing is lenient, our focus is on helping criminals, and victims can die from their wounds while the system watches with equanimity. But judicial apathy towards victims is finally getting some degree of attention, with a study on the subject making a recent *Edmonton Journal* cover.

According to the 2006 study, Alberta judges gave the least regard for victim impact statements out of any province. It found that only 12 per cent of Alberta judges believe that the statements are always or often relevant to the principles of sentencing, compared to 47 per cent in Manitoba and 36 per cent in BC. Roughly a third of Alberta judges said that the statements were useful in most cases, compared to nearly two-thirds of BC judges. This is all in spite of the fact that courts are instructed by law to consider any submitted statements when determining sentences. With such attitudes prevailing among judges, it's not surprising that only one in three Albertans affected by crime even bother to submit their doomed-to-be-ignored impact statements.

In the Canadian legal system, crimes are considered wrongs against society as a whole. The primary concern of the state is keeping society running smoothly in order to be politically and economically competitive, and human harm is just an afterthought. Although sentencing has rightfully focused on retribution, deterrence, and protection of society, somewhere along the way, retribution was thrown out the window.

Sentencing is supposed to be as detached and objective as possible, but this necessitates rather than excludes the consideration of how an offence affects the injured party. The rights of criminals are viewed as sacrosanct while those of victims are flippantly disregarded. It wasn't until 1996, with the passing of the Victim's Bill of Rights, that offended parties were granted any legal empowerment at all.

Treating violent felonies as abstract offences against the state or society at large isn't a step towards impartiality—it's a blatant falsehood. To deny direct victims a voice and atonement is to ignore the real consequences of wrongdoing. For those affected by violence, the emotional aftermath can be a life sentence. In contrast, Canadian criminal sentences are notoriously lenient, and are getting more so every year.

If the success of a criminal justice system is measured exclusively in recidivism rates, then our society has been admittedly successful. But such a utilitarian approach ignores just punishment. The use of conditional sentencing has increased yearly since 1995 and the median duration of sentences has similarly decreased. There's been a lot of tough talk from politicians and lawyers in response to public opinion, but little action. We need to do more than reform and deter—we need to make it clear that our society won't tolerate brutality and that we care about those harmed, in words and in deed.

Giving victim impact statements proper weight is only a small step towards a properly retributive system. Prisons should be industrialized, and inmates' earnings should be paid to crime victims and their families in restitution. Currently, a massive labour force is being wasted and, worse, even prisoners such as Karla Holmolka are able to obtain degrees while taxpayers take care of the bill.

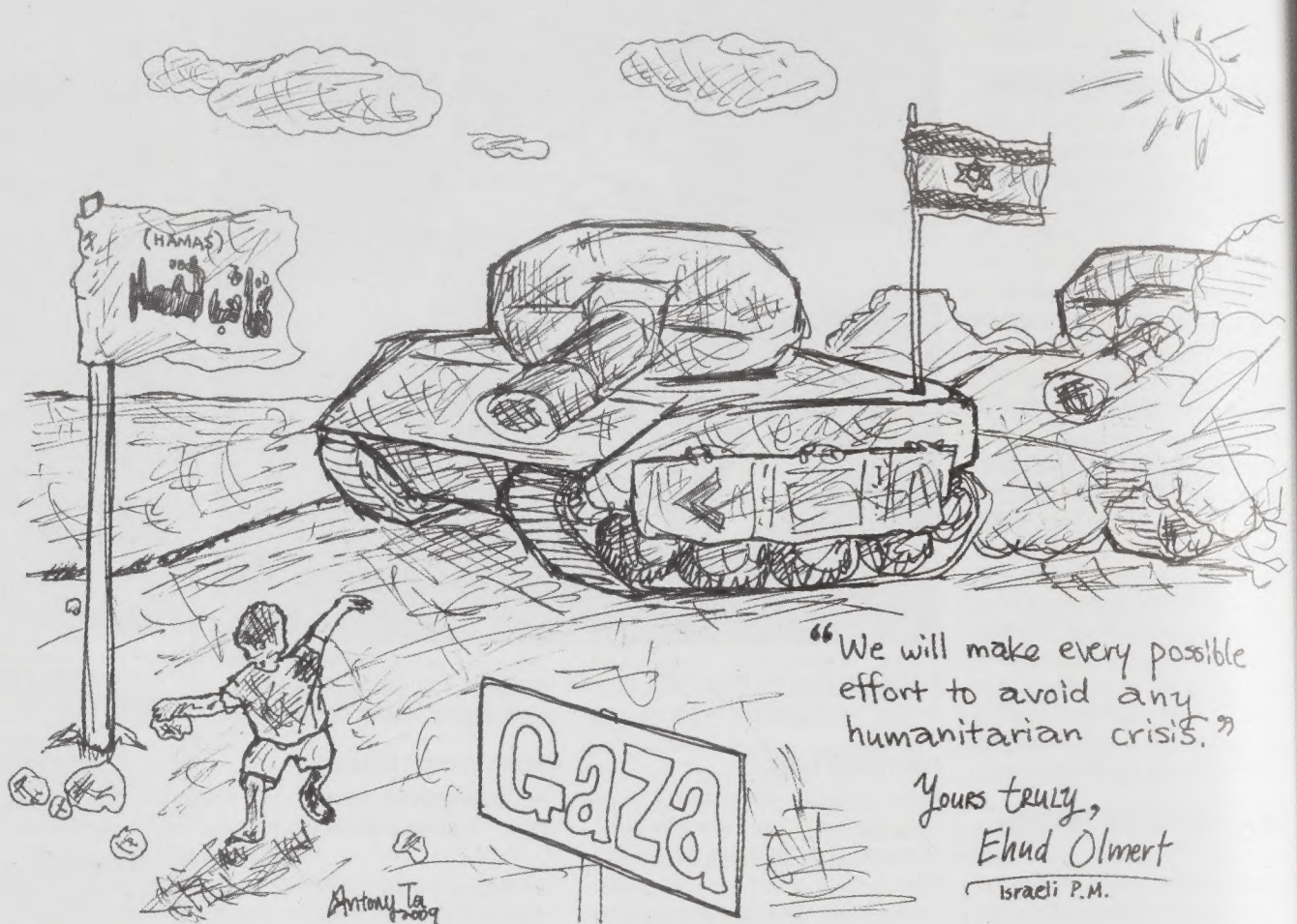
The time for consideration is long overdue, and we must begin to take steps towards giving real justice proper weight. Victims must be given a voice and be heard, and compensation must be properly allotted. Until then, the bulk of us will have to sacrifice for the benefit of those who would abuse us.

CODY CIVIERO
Opinion Editor

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LETTERS

University students are too old for dick jokes

I really can't tell you how embarrassed I am to claim the *Gateway* as my university's newspaper. Instead of topics that broaden the mind and improve our perspectives, as is the point of higher education, I find filthy language, pictures and useless topics.

Not every university student is a drunken, sex and drug addicted moron—the only type of person who would enjoy reading the material you publish in the *Gateway*. I think that some of the original people associated with the *Gateway*, whom I know to be people of integrity and character, would be disappointed to see what the state of the paper is today. But then again—maybe I should just be ashamed of the university itself if this is what it's general population wants to read.

Please consider making the *Gateway* a respectable newspaper.

SARAH CRAIG
Via email

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LETTERS FROM THE ARCHIVES

Bridge-playing hooligans

Sir, it gladdens my heart to see, as reported in the *Gateway*, 21 February edition, that the students' council has finally taken measures to correct the bridge menace in the cafeteria.

The other day I politely asked one member of a foursome if he would be so kind as to terminate the game, since I had some homework to do, and all other tables were filled with students working on assignments; he had the audacity to mumble something about study rooms or the library.

I can't see any reason why these card playing individuals can't while away an empty hour between classes in the accepted style. Everyone else sits down with their coffee and plunges into an enlightening discussion of some world-shaking topic such as "Myrtles' Morals" or "That divine man, Joe," or any of the multitude of topics so vital to varsity well-being. Not, however, the bridge fiends.

They must not only waste a good hour playing this chastardly game, but in so doing they occupy chairs that could be filled by persons having worth-while contributions to make to the discussion at hand, or those physically unable to make it to the library or study rooms.

It speaks well for the council, too, that rather than wasting their talents on unimportant measures, such as the acquisition of the quarter million dollars for the proposed Union buildings, they can strike at these criminals of Culbertson.

"DISGUSTED"
25 February, 1947

Fire hose fight isn't just harmles merrymaking

I understand that during a recent disturbance on the University campus, students detached fire hoses from fire racks in certain buildings, and with water turned on, used them inside of buildings in the fray. A number of lengths of hose have been brought to this department for drying as a result.

This causes me to draw to your attention the seriousness of permitting any person to tamper in any way with fire fighting equipment. I feel I can't draw this matter too strenuously to your attention, and necessity for immediate steps being taken to prevent any possible recurrence.

In offering your buildings maximum protection from fire, the city fire department must assume every precaution will be exercised at all times to maintain first aid fire fighting appliances within your buildings, such as hoses and extinguishers are in the best possible condition and always available for use.

At present your hose supply in building occupied as Medical and Engineering is short, due to the absence of a number of lengths now being dried. Should a fire occur in these or other adjoining risks, your own local fire brigade as well as this department would be sadly handicapped due to lack of equipment.

This department can only look to the university board for remedy of the present situation. May I suggest therefore, that immediate steps be taken to definitely avoid any similar occurrence.

J BOOTH, FIRE MARSHAL
30 November, 1937

Rampant vulgarity has no place in the theatre or civilized society

Sir, after witnessing the Drama Festival last Saturday night, I went out thoroughly disgusted with what was presented under the name of art. The play, "Waiting for Lefty," contained more vulgar language and swearing than it has ever been my dubious privilege to hear before a mixed audience.

Two questions arise: was the excessive use of bad language necessary to the plot? Was the use of such language in good taste?

In answer to the first, I seriously doubt that its excessive use was effective. Such vulgarity was detrimental to an appreciation of the situation, as the audience attention was detracted from the plot by the thought of so much vulgarity.

An answer to the second is that our society, while recognizing such disclosures as true, and without seeking to avoid truth, does not seek nor require that it be exposed to such disgusting hypocrisy.

Civilization has supposedly come a long way from the days of barbarism, and is seeking perfection.

Sophistication of vulgarity in the name of art has no place in any society.

N A DAWSON
3 December, 1946

Letters from the Archives is a semi-regular feature where the *Gateway* runs historical letters that we feel are of particular importance—or are just really hilarious.

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Resolve not to delude yourself

Most New Year's resolutions are destined to failure before the clock hits midnight



SARAH
STEAD

It's that time of year again. You're probably still basking in the afterglow of Christmas, enjoying all your new gifts, and noticing that your pants are feeling kind of tight; or that you overdid it on gifts and have a ridiculous Visa bill in the mail. Or maybe that pack of Marlboros you bought on your way to work is almost finished and you've yet to even break for lunch.

But it's all okay, because on 31 December you made your "New Year's resolutions" and you know that you're going to fix all of it overnight. You'll exercise more, save tons of money, and stop smoking all on 1 January.

According to an article from *The Washington Times*, those are the three most common resolutions the average person makes, and a whopping 88 per cent fail within a few months. Consistently, I have been a part of the unsuccessful majority, but every year I tell myself that it will somehow be different.

But after a few quick Internet searches, I determined some of the reasons that I, and many others, scarcely stick to our promises until February.

One of the most common problems

with New Year's resolutions is that it's easy to get caught up in the spirit that comes with a new year—especially when advertising for health clubs and smoking cessation products are practically omnipresent. That excitement often leads to making resolutions that are unrealistic and subsequently doomed to failure.

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Lynn Bode of sideroad.com, a site dedicated to giving health and business advice, writes that "most experts agree that it takes about 21 days to create a habit." It's also common knowledge that it takes much longer to erase the same habit, especially in cases such as smoking, where some level of physical addiction is involved.

The expectation of instant success is what keeps many people, myself included, from staying motivated. She suggests breaking the larger goal into smaller, less intimidating goals and rewarding yourself when you reach each milestone.

Another big issue in resolution

making is the tendency to make multiple promises in an effort to fix everything at once. Dr Yoel Abells, a columnist for the *National Post*, warns against bogging yourself down with too many drastic lifestyle changes at the same time—specifically trying to trim your figure while quitting smoking cigarettes. "Smoking cessation is often accompanied by an increase in food intake," he writes. Instead, he recommends getting a handle on just one goal at a time and keeping yourself accountable with a written plan.

In light of all of this good advice, webmd.com says that the biggest challenge with many resolutions is timing. Dr Robert Butterworth recommends waiting until the spring to make major lifestyle changes. "The worst time to make New Year's resolutions is on New Year's Eve," he says. "We're exhausted after the holidays. We're stressed out. The weather is bad. Everybody is talking about it." At least this is good news for procrastinators.

Though I wholeheartedly believe that working towards goals is both admirable and important, I don't think that it necessarily needs to be done just because of a calendar swap. For students juggling full-time classes, part-time jobs, volunteer work, and other responsibilities, the stress of staying afloat of deadlines and keeping your grades up is enough. This year, I resolve to go easier on myself and not make any resolutions. For once, I think that's a promise I can actually keep.

Campus pro-life group needs to back off and let women weigh their options

BOBBIE
BRIGGS



When I think of a university campus, I relate it with liberal and free-thinking attitudes, associations, and groups. However, there seems to be a virtual absence of these mentalities at the University of Alberta. What I'm mainly referring to is the dominant presence of the campus "pro-life" (or anti-choice, which it may more aptly be coined) group.

This group's propaganda covers nearly every single bulletin board found throughout campus with their flyers, and after two years, I'm starting to get tired of having to look at it. I don't feel that I, or anyone else for that matter, has the right to tell other people what they should and shouldn't do with their bodies. Open debate over this issue is shocking to me not due to the subject matter of abortion itself, but because it's a total disregard of women's rights.

For a liberal atmosphere such as a university to be so saturated with images and arguments that retract the woman's right to reproductive freedom is unbelievable, especially when one considers that it's now 2009. It's hard to believe that the Students' Union would allow any organization that embody and promote the refusal

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of homosexual or aboriginal rights, and it's equally unacceptable for the SU to authorize a group which exists only to overtly deny women's reproductive freedom.

The way in which these groups choose to present their arguments is very confusing. I can't think of another organization—aside perhaps from the anti-gay movements—that presents their arguments in such a purely negative and antagonistic fashion.

When advising an emotionally unstable woman facing the reality of an unplanned pregnancy, it would undoubtedly be more effective to advocate an optimistic "you can do it" attitude that highlights the joys of motherhood, rather than taking the demeaning "you're an evil murderer," approach, displaying plastic anatomical representations of the female body.

I can't understand how the people taking part in this campus crusade can rationalize that it would be better to demonize than support and encourage. The hypocrisy here is that they are attempting to convey moral superiority in such a morally questionable manner. And the belligerent way in which this group composes itself at the university is a reflection of the

SU's position on women's status on campus.

We tend to forget that there was a time in our society when women enrolling in universities was a controversial issue. Today, more than half of college students are female. It seems so far in the past that there was actually a debate over whether women should be "given" the right to vote. Now, within decades, women have come to play direct roles in politics. The emergence of a group designed to promote revoking that right to self-determination would truly be considered laughable.

Although it may not happen in my lifetime, I think that a day will come when a woman's entrance into motherhood won't be a matter of public debate and scrutiny. I'm in no means denying the seriousness or moral implications of an unplanned pregnancy, but the thought of a woman being forced into carrying through an unwanted pregnancy is just as unsettling.

The Students' Union should take responsibility for allowing a group which has total potential to attack the well-being of many students, and start to promote something a little bit more constructive.



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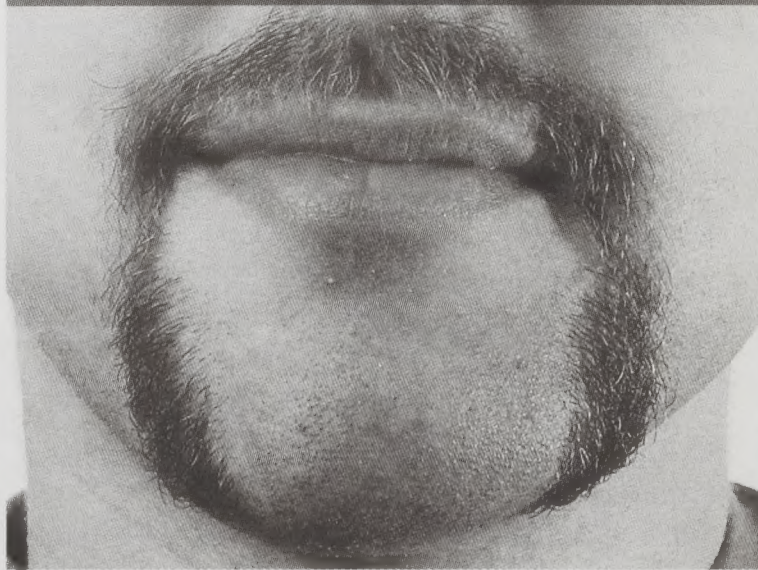
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2008: The year of the rat as seen through our eyes



OPINION
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They say that history is written by the victors, and although none of us have actually won anything, we still feel that having access to computer equipment and a printing press is excuse enough to jot down our take on what 2008 means in the grande scheme of things.

Global warming, war, economic collapse, terrorism, food shortages, and an endless reality-TV-esque election threatened our very existence. Yet somehow, and none of us are really sure how, humanity has survived another revolution around the sun. In case you were too busy to pay attention, our writers have examined the important political and social shifts that will define last year's place in history.

Gary Allen

2008 was a year that really showed us as Canadians how much further we have come on gay rights issues than our backward-seeming neighbours to the south. Despite electing the first black president by a strong majority, Californians voted by a slim majority to rewrite their state's constitution to preclude same-sex couples from getting married. While other states enacted similar measures and Arkansas approved a gay adoption

ban, it was California's Proposition 8 that captured the hearts of activists and the eye of the media.

California's rejection of gay marriage became a lightning rod for activists largely because it was a right that had been given and was now being taken away, but also because California has traditionally been seen as a more liberal state that's accepting of the many gays that reside there. But the history of human rights in America has often seen setbacks bring people together to finally enact change. Rosa Parks' stand on a Montgomery bus and the Stonewall riots, for example, became beacons of hope for a whole country.

Besides the obvious issues surrounding a majority being allowed to vote on minority rights, the story catapulted the issue of gay marriage into the national arena in a way that no other state's vote on the issue had previously. From the involvement of the Mormon Church to the creation of a so-called "black list" of donors to the Prop 8 movement, the story held the national media's attention for a large part of late 2008 and looks to have hopefully laid the seeds for change in 2009.

David Johnston

In a year of great political upheaval, historical landmarks and continued dominance, it's important not to forget the virtual achievements of the human race these past twelve months. Specifically, it's important not to forget the hysterical phenomenon known to all dwellers of the internet as "Rickrolling."

For all the non-geeks out there, Rickrolling is the process wherein an unsuspecting Internet bystander is tricked into watching the music video for Rick Astley's 1987 hit "Never Gonna Give You Up." No, seriously—*That's the extent of the joke.* And yet, it has become insanely popular throughout the Internet despite the fact, or rather, because of the fact that it's so idiotically pointless. Internet gags like this are impossible to predict, mostly due to the collective willingness to embrace complete absurdity.

The prank originated in 2007, but really hit the web's collective sweet spot this year. Rick Astley's YouTube videos have scored well over 30 million hits—and that's just the popular ones. Everyone from Jon Stewart, to *Family Guy's* Peter Griffin, to the viewing audience of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade have been subjected to the gag. 2008 brought Rickrolling to a comfortable Internet trend pedestal, right next to lolcats, the sneezing baby panda, that *Star Wars* lightsaber kid, and Nigerian email scams. In fact, check out our website for a link to a comprehensive graph showing the waning and waxing of trends throughout the age of the Internet.

Jennifer Huygen

2008 saw several unprecedented events take place in the national political realm. After leading his party to their worst election showing since 1867, Liberal leader Stéphane Dion swept back into public relevance with his plan to lead a coalition

government with the NDP and bring down Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives from power. This constitutional crisis is noteworthy for a couple of reasons.

First, it brought the role of the oft-neglected Governor General into the spotlight, and confirmed that she does indeed hold some responsibility other than shaking the hands of visiting heads of state. While her decision might not have been in the best interest of Canadians, it reminded us that the Governor General acts above partisan politics and is a check to the almost-dictatorial powers of the Prime Minister—even if her decisions fall in line with the stance of the ruling party.

Second, it highlighted the weaknesses of an overly confident government. Stephen Harper had to learn the hard way that being the ruling party—especially in a minority situation—doesn't mean he has free reign to do whatever he wants, like reduce subsidies for political parties or neglect stimulating a failing economy. Constant vigilance Steve, constant vigilance.

Third, it stimulated a level of interest in politics unseen in recent years. Despite recording the lowest voter turnout ever—59.1 per cent—in the October 2008 federal election, thousands of Canadians took to the streets to show how extremely pleased or pissed off they were that Parliament might see a coalition, be propped up by separatists, or be prorogued. Which it was. And whether they voted or not, Canadians took note and learned what the word "prorogue" actually meant.

Cody Civiero

Last year certainly brought immense political change for North America—and no, that's not simply a reference to Obama.

Thanks to what I suspect to be brilliant Machiavellian provocation and maneuvering on Stephen Harper's end, the Liberal and NDP have shot themselves in both feet and granted the PCs more stability and popularity than anyone could have predicted a year ago.

Meanwhile, in the States, the age-old balance of power in the two-party system is finally collapsing as the GOP dies from their own self-inflicted wounds. Pandering to evangelicals and other social reactionaries may have bought them a sizable base, but they have alienated fiscal conservatives in the process. Unless they implement some substantial policy reforms and soon, they've ensured the Democrats long-term domination of all levels of government.

Back to Obama—that man has to be the luckiest politician in the history of the world. The war in Iraq is not only massively unpopular at home and abroad; the Iraqi parliament approved a US troop withdrawal the same month in which Obama was elected. He now has a very simple and easy choice to make that is guaranteed to score him some brownie points with the voters. This is after winning his Senate seat thanks to drop-outs and scandals from opponents and the presidency through sheer Republican incompetence. On the plus side, with his good fortune, maybe the economic crisis will magically reverse itself.

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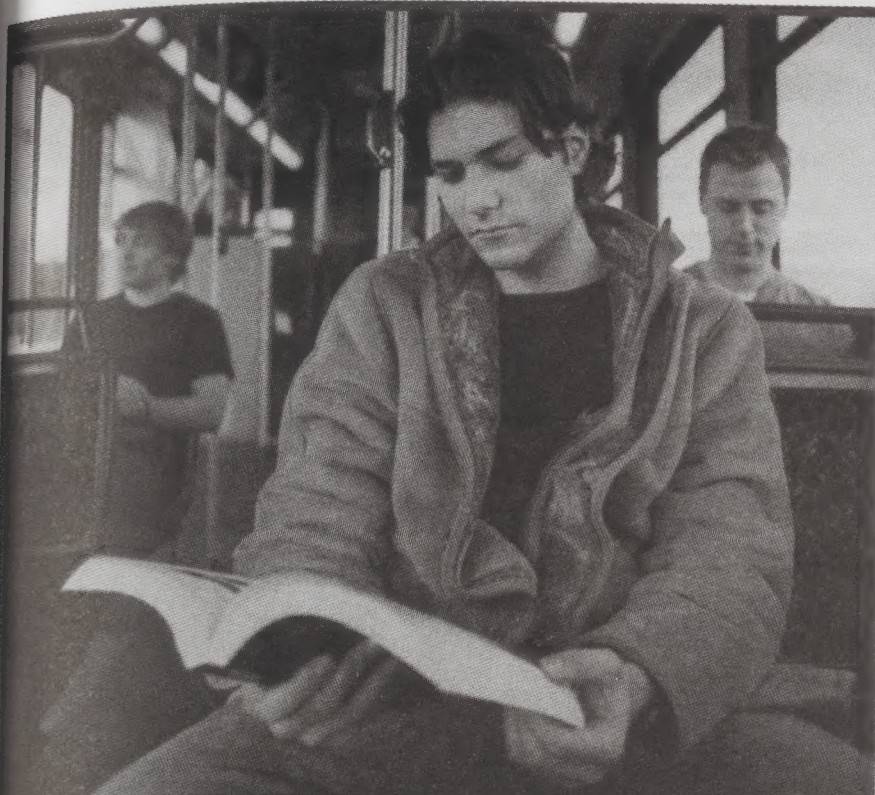
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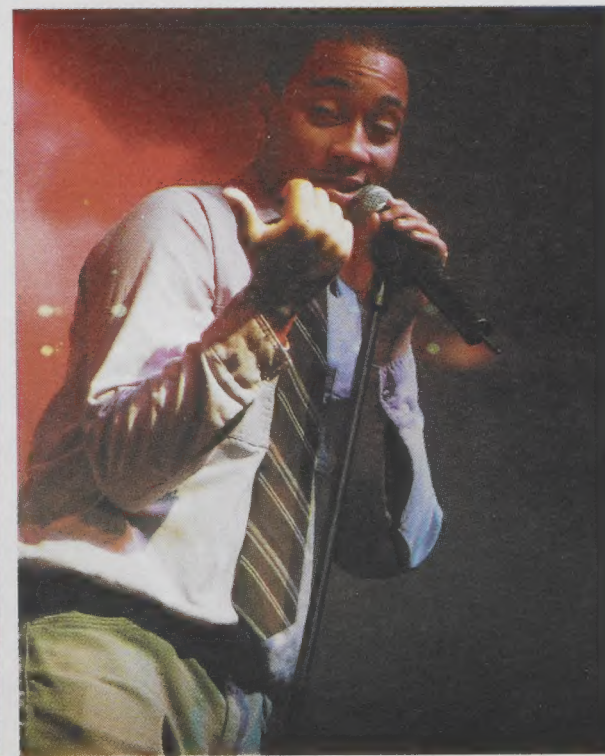
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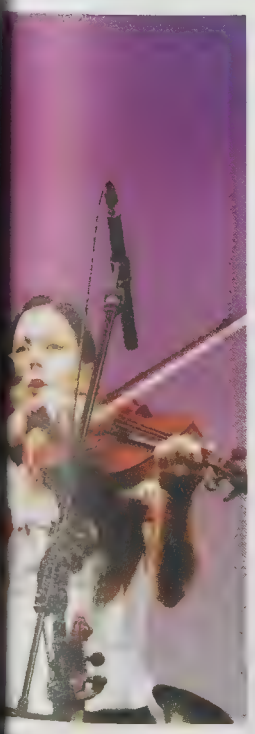


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2008: It was the bes— well, it wasn't the worst of times

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**MOST UPLIFTING: DR PEPPER ATTEMPTS
TO MAKE GOOD ON A PROMISE**

While some rejoiced at the release of the Guns N' Roses 15-years-in-the-making *Chinese Democracy* album, most shrugged apathetically. That seems like an appropriate response given that gestation period—is any album worth 15 years of waiting? But the folks over at Dr Pepper were in curiously chipper spirits, which was strange considering that they now had to make good on a boast made months earlier: if *Chinese Democracy* were to be released before 2009, they would give a can of Dr Pepper to every person in America (hilariously excluding ex-GNR guitarists Slash and Buckethead from the offer).

According to a 2008 census, that means 303 824 638 cans of fizzy drink should be handed out across the country—a financial face-plant, for sure, though it's not like the soda giant couldn't handle such a loss. But with the shrug-and-smile response of "the Dr Pepper is on us!" the company went about preparing to give the people what they promised with the "hi-ho!" gusto of the seven dwarves, setting up a website where everybody but the aforementioned guitarists could receive a voucher to receive their can. It seemed like the massive company had both a sense of humour and the goodwill to make good on losing a bet.

**DISPIRITING: DR PEPPER, MUCH LIKE
CHINESE DEMOCRACY, DISAPPOINTS**

That is, until they proved totally incompetent in preparing for what, in theory, could've been every American demanding soda from a website simultaneously. The online voucher system was set up to be accessible just for the date of *Chinese Democracy*'s release. But fans who went there thirsty for their free can of the good doctor found the website down for most of the day. It was woe-fully unable to deal with the volume of web traffic and the alternative phone number they could call to get their voucher fared no better.

To top it all off, the GNR legal team decided to sue Dr Pepper for their soda-distributing ignorance, and while demanding public apologies seems fair, it also added a completely unnecessary legal sheen to what should've been a free-carbonated-beverage-filled day for every American. They just wanted some free soda to wash down a lukewarm album but what they received was 23 flavours of disappointment.

Kristina De Guzman

MOST UPLIFTING: SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE

No film released this year came remotely close to capturing my heart like this British picture

orphan who becomes a contestant on the Hindi version of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* It's far more captivating than it sounds. Already, many are comparing *Slumdog* to *City of God*.

The cinematography is stunning, portraying India in both a magnificent and gloomy light. With the exception of renowned Bollywood star Anil Kapoor, who plays Prem Kumar, *Slumdog*'s Regis Philbin, the film relies on an ensemble cast with actors who are relatively unknown, yet skilled enough to help spin a remarkable story. The most captivating performances come from the child actors who play the main characters as children.

For the first time in a long while, I'm excited about the upcoming Oscars. Forget about *WALL-E* or *The Dark Knight*, my bet's on *Slumdog*. This gem has got everything that a Best Picture winner should have: drama, suspense, horror, tragedy, romance, action, humour—not to mention the timeless battle between good and evil. When a film can make you double over with laughter one minute and choked with despair the next, you know you've got a real human story.

**MOST DISPIRITING: VALKYRIE'S ACCENTS
RUINING AN INTRIGUING PREMISE**

I had no intention of seeing *Valkyrie*, but a friend somehow convinced me to agree to watch Tom Cruise attempt to act. In all honesty, I caved because of the plot, as the story of the famous attempt by Nazi insiders to assassinate Hitler would spark the curiosity of even the most hardcore of Cruise haters—at least, I'd like to think so.

Turns out *Valkyrie* wasn't such a bad film. It got me believing that the plot to kill one of the world's most infamous tyrants might actually work, even though history's already told us otherwise. Still, there were too many cracks. I had less of a problem with Cruise being the leading man of a film set in Nazi Germany than I did with the director's lack of ability to simulate reality by not challenging his cast to speak with German accents.

I'll lower my standards further—the cast should have spoken uniformly. It wouldn't matter if it's American, British, or German, but having characters speaking with all these various accents—when they are all supposed to be German—isn't believable, and is distracting enough to detract from the storyline. Saying "tops" to mean "at the most" in 1940s Germany is not only unrealistic from a cultural perspective, but a contemporary one as well.



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In 2008, as the world plummeted into the worst financial crisis in decades, the entertainment industry possibly suffered the most. Actors and pop star salaries were only making several million dollars for their work rather than hundreds of millions, many stars had to cut their entourage sizes in half, and a number of movies and TV programs had to scrape by on budgets that would barely feed thousands of struggling American families. We know that we've entered the pit of cultural oblivion when America's sweetheart, OJ Simpson, is finally thrown in prison for nothing more than simply being proven guilty of a violent crime. Yet when times are rough, we can always count on them to distract us from reality with their antics. Our expert team of Gateway A&E writers gives you the lowdown on the entertainment moments that lifted their spirits and crushed their souls.



Sarah Stead

MOST UPLIFTING: THE COMEBACK OF BRITNEY SPEARS

Through the pop tart will likely never have a life of tabloid drama, after the past few crazy years Britney Spears has had—a messy divorce, losing her head, losing custody of her children, and a disastrous appearance at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards—I think she at least deserves a nod for “most improved.”

She began 2008 strapped to a gurney and admitted to a psychiatric ward after a stand-off with police in which she refused to relinquish her two young sons. After several months of being out of the spotlight, Spears ventured back again to guest star on the TV show *How I Met Your Mother*. Later in the year, she won three MTV Music Video Awards for her song “Piece of Me” off her album *Blackout*. Her new album *Circus* has spawned two top ten singles so far, sold more than 500 000 copies in its first week, and has been legally downloaded nearly 1 000 000 times. The track “Womanizer” also made a record-breaking jump to number one on the Billboard Hot 100.

If that weren't enough, Spears' recent magazine covers reveal that she has lost all of her baby weight and is looking smoking hot. Britney is back, bitch.

MOST DISPIRITING: THE FEUD BETWEEN JENNIFER ANISTON AND ANGELINA JOLIE

In a time of economic crisis, it's nice to be able to have the lives of celebrities as a distraction. Though it can be fun to watch the famous behave badly, I think it's time that the Angelina Jolie versus Jennifer Aniston catfight is put to rest.

The rivalry between the two actresses began in 2005 when Jennifer Aniston divorced Brad Pitt after he'd reportedly fallen for Angelina Jolie while filming *Mr and Mrs Smith*. The two initially denied any adulterous wrong-doing, but this year Jolie admitted to *US Weekly* that she and Brad “fell in love” on set. The press had been speculating that fact and the resultant feud for years, but for the most part, Aniston had done

a good job of remaining mum on the issue—until a recent interview with *Vogue* in which she called Jolie “uncool.” Aniston's statement may have been pretty innocuous, but the backlash from the press has led to a whole new level of mud-slinging between the A-listers.

Almost four years have passed since Pitt and Aniston divorced. Aniston is 39, Jolie is 33, and it's time that they both grew up. I want to remember Aniston as the witty Rachel Green of *Friends* fame, not as the chick Brad Pitt didn't pick.

Ian Phillipchuk

MOST UPLIFTING: THE DAILY SHOW'S 2008 ELECTION COVERAGE

If not for *The Daily Show's* coverage of the 2008 presidential election, 2008 would have been much less fun. The political turmoil during the campaign and the economic crisis made watching news coverage somewhat suffocating.

Like a bastion of hope emanating from the orifice of a rubber chicken, *The Daily Show* filled airwaves with peals of laughter. Under the Banner of Indecision '08, they proudly trumpeted their “Reduced-Fact” news. *The Daily Show* provided strikingly apt commentary on the state of political affairs, and was a must-watch throughout much of fall.

MOST DISPIRITING: THE DOWNFALL OF HEROES

The worst moment in 2008 was the total destruction of one of the best shows on television, *Heroes*. Anyone who looks at *Heroes* with a critical eye could see the vultures circling the show. They fired a producer who was responsible for much of the show's early success and the show tried to compensate by making the series more epic. But it just doesn't work, because they didn't have the budget to make it work.

The sole light in the entire series was when the best character, the Man in the Horn-Rimmed Glasses, found himself when the heroes were suddenly de-powered, and made them remember why they feared him. But that excitement faded and the show drifted back into unwatchability.



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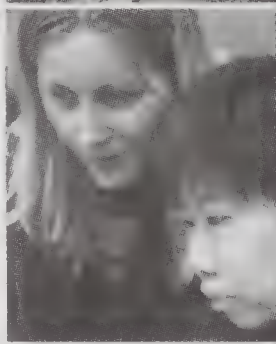
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"It's a cock play," declares Ryan Hughes, the director of Roxy Theatre's production of the Edward Albee Pulitzer-nominated *The Play about the Baby*. "It has a very male energy. There's a—for lack of a better word—male thrust. It's about violation and it's a very nasty, efficient machine. That makes it fun to work with, but also a little scary."

Hughes has been helming plays for 15 years, but has mostly stuck with works that he has written himself or that have been created by other Edmonton playwrights. This time, he wanted something that would stretch his boundaries. *The Play about the Baby*—which innocuously and flirtatiously starts out with the joyous birth of a baby before taking a dark detour—was a quick and obvious choice for him.

"I felt it could be done for the kind of budget I could afford: two pieces of furniture, four actors, and your big special effect is the language," Hughes says, reflecting on the two years it

took him to bring the play to the stage. "And it's very 'clean,' which appeals to me artistically. But at the same time, it's really hard to just throw a bunch of actors on the stage [with few props] and make a world from that."

Complicating matters for Hughes has been the difficulties and anxiety he has faced in casting an actor for the role of an important character known simply as "Man."

"There was a casting mishap and the person who was originally playing Man couldn't do the show," explains Steve Pirot, an Edmonton theatre mainstay and the actor who literally saved the production by taking the role.

"It's not a play where you have a helicopter flying around—there's no big, showing spectacle—but the words feel so good in your mouth."

STEVE PIROT
ACTOR, *THE PLAY ABOUT THE BABY*

His casting as Man was the result of a fortuitous coincidence. Just before Christmas, Hughes and the other three actors had been going through a reading of the play while Pirot happened to be at the theatre. While he knew there would be tremendous challenges in taking the role with a mere few weeks left till the show, Pirot said he found himself strongly drawn to the text of the play.

"The play has phenomenal language," Pirot enthuses. "It's not a play

where you have a helicopter flying around—there's no big, showing spectacle—but the words feel so good in your mouth. Like, 'Mmm, I'm going to have a problem eating this meal. I'm not going to have to force these brussels sprouts down my throat, because this is juicy steak.'

Despite coming to the play so late, Pirot asserts that memorizing the lines hasn't been that difficult. He compares the process to athletic performance—an analogy he relies on often since his first love was sports—concluding confidently that it's all about practice.

"But I'm hard-pressed to remember a time when I've had to interpret, and create a character of this size in such a short time," he concedes. "I had Christmas tree on New Year's Eve, I was in Nunavut. There being total darkness and not knowing when it was night or day. I was able to dedicate the entire hours to learning all my lines."

The irony is that while Pirot's entrance into the play calmed many of Hughes' anxieties, the character of Man is "a bringer of menace." When Man intrudes upon the happy parents, he upsets this modern Adam and Eve's state of innocence. When Man and his female counterpart, Woman realize that they're in a play, the young couple is oblivious that they are cogs in a performance.

"Their job is to constantly pull the rug out from underneath the parents and from underneath the audience," says Pirot. "The audience is constantly led to question whether they really did see what they just saw. These are all tricks of Albee's trade."

"There's a politics of power and menace operating here, which gives the play a very male vibe."

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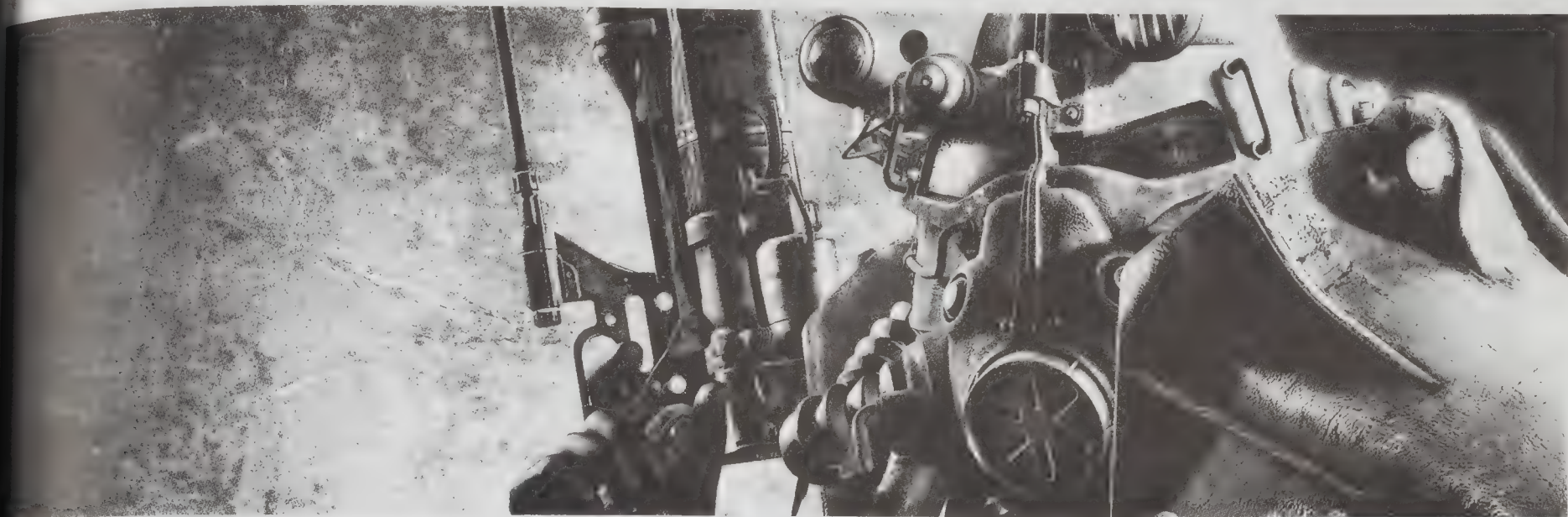
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Best games of 2008 marred by trivial bugs and flaws

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costumes, stickers, and objects to use in creating custom levels. Almost anything that can be imagined can be created. Unfortunately, for the public playing this game, most of the things that people can imagine involve something offensive—typically penises. For every unique platforming sequence or brilliant creation, you get stuck looking at a man's junk, which serves to make the overall experience a bit limp.

Likewise, though *Castle Crashers*—unites solid combat with a wicked sense of humour, it is similarly mired by shortcomings. Any game that allows you to beat a literal "cat fish" to death with a side of beef succeeds in entertaining quirkiness. But its faults stem predominately from problems in Xbox Live matchmaking. A game like this with an infinite supply of players would be brilliant, but it remains a

glitchy, bug-filled mess. Toss in some problems with layering and graphical clutter and *Castle Crashers* is diminished to third on the list. Still, if you're looking for some fun, get some friends, controllers, and start slaughtering endless waves of enemies.

Next on the docket is *Metal Gear Solid 4*, a game that is both long-winded and incredibly cinematic. It feels like you're watching the world's oldest action hero, and the experience is both exhilarating and incredibly frustrating. When it works, MGS4 delivers some truly epic moments—such as a white-knuckled chase through the streets of Europe shooting down flying mechanical death machines. It's a sequence that is tense, fast, and lives up to the movie chases that it emulates. That's not to say that it was all roses with MGS4 (as you'll see below), but it finds its spot

at number two on the list.

Finally, at the top is *Fallout 3*. It earns the pole position by being the only game on the list that wasn't truly disappointing. The expectations for this game were sky high, and Bethesda has both reached and surpassed those expectations. The movement to first person is eased by the introduction of Vault-Tec Assisted Targeting System (VATS) which results in some impressive dismemberment. The game is massive, with an expansive post-apocalyptic landscape to explore, lengthy story and side-quests, and everything else that could be hoped for from the next game in the series. It's not as good as the original two, but it's still solid enough to easily be the best game of this year.

As far as the worst of last year's gaming selection, there's no more deserving that *Metal Gear Solid 4*.

While it may seem confusing that this is on both my lists, I had a love/hate relationship with Konami's latest entry in their flagship franchise. With labyrinthine plots that need a thick book of exposition to actually understand, easily half of MGS4 is completely inaccessible to the majority of players. Even if you've conquered the previous three titles in the series, you better have paid attention or you won't even come close to comprehending the layers upon layers of conspiracy and betrayal.

When you have a title that has an hour long storyline, you know you have way too much plot. Even though MGS4 itself is quite excellent, everything that doesn't involve actual gameplay has the marks of a pretentious auteur—that is to say, equal parts technically brilliant and incomprehensible crap.

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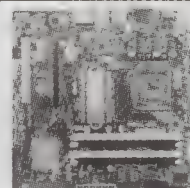
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U of A's varsity clubs once again proved that they were among the CIS elite in 2008. These are some of the moments that defined the Green and Gold's year.

U OF A EARNs CANADIAN BID FOR UNIVERSIADE

In partnership with the City of Edmonton, the University of Alberta moved one step closer towards earning the right to host the best varsity athletes in the world when, in early June, the CIS Partnership Selection Committee named it as the Canadian representative to put forth a bid for the 2015 Summer Universiade.

According to the bid's Executive Director John Barry, Edmonton's successful selection can be attributed to the fact that—from a CIS developmental perspective—the country would be better suited towards a summer games, as well as the city's "reputation for hosting international events."

Having already met a number of times since the decision came down, the University—along with the City, Canadian political officials, and CIS—will continue to work together in 2009 to carefully assemble the pieces of their official bid to be submitted to the International University Sport Federation (FISU), with hopes of being named the official host city when the decision comes down on 30 May, 2009.

PANDAS FIELD HOCKEY EARNs SILVER AT CIS FINALS

Going into the CIS Championships with a below-.500 record (3–5–4), the lowest seeding in the tournament, and as virtual underdogs, almost no one could've predicted that the Pandas field hockey team would've achieved the result they did. However, despite a tough battle against Victoria for CIS gold, the fifth-ranked Pandas came away with a respectable silver medal following a 2–1 loss on 2 November.

Opening the tournament with a loss to UBC, Alberta quickly rebounded with a convincing 1–0 win over Victoria.

After playing to a draw against the Guelph Gryphons in the third match of the round robin, the Pandas' defining moment came against the top-seeded Toronto Varsity Blues, who came in undefeated in season play.

Alberta's ladies earned a hard-fought 2–0 victory and,

as a result, punched their ticket to the final match.

Rachel Sanders, who had the lone goal in the championship final, and one of two against Toronto, and Bunny Hughes, who scored the other goal against the Varsity Blues—helped the scoring front, resulting in the Pandas seven tournament goals—only four less than they had all season and allowed Alberta to come home with something to show for their effort.

COACH DON HORWOOD ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

As Bears basketball pushed forth through the 2008/09 campaign, consistently trying to make little improvements, news came down in late October that caught everyone off guard—head coach Don Horwood is set to retire at the end of this year.

Though the 62-year-old was aware of this decision back in October 2007 and filed the subsequent paperwork during the summer, the decision was made between Horwood and the U of A Athletics Department to keep the news secret and reveal it to the public when they felt comfortable that it wouldn't pose a distraction to the team.

The highly respected, highly decorated bench boss of 39 years—26 of which were spent at the University of Alberta—leaves behind a program that has seen him capture three national titles, three Coach of the Year awards, and an impressive 15 appearances at CIS Championships. However, Horwood believes that now is the right time to step aside, citing age and his desire to spend more time with his wife travelling the world, as his main motivations.

GOLDEN BEARS VOLLEYBALL CAPTURES NATIONAL TITLE

After suffering a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of the Winnipeg Wesmen in the 2007 CIS Championship final, the Golden Bears volleyball team sought to exact some revenge in 2008. Then, on 2 March, coming in as the top-ranked team in the tournament,

Alberta captured the gold—the very same Wesman that they defeated, pulling out a 3–1 victory.

Strong combined efforts in offence and defence allowed the Bears to reign supreme over their opponents in the biggest game of the year. Strong setting was a major factor in Alberta's maintained consistency, spearheaded by tournament MVP and graduated setter Brock Pehar, who came up with 43 assists.

In order to cement their position in the finals, the Golden Bears had to survive a wacky first-round that saw numerous upsets in other matches. However, theirs would not be one of them, as they held on for a straight-sets victory against the Moncton Carabins. Alberta would go on to defeat Thompson Rivers in the second round, before competing in the final and exciting final.

BEARS HOCKEY WINS 13TH UNIVERSITY CUP

With an opening loss to l'Université de Moncton at the CIS Championships weighing on their minds, the Golden Bears hockey team still felt determined to win it all. Despite all the circumstances, on 23 March, they earned their 13th national title and brought the University Cup back to the U of A, escaping with a 3–2 victory over the University of New Brunswick Reds.

Going into the third period, the teams were squared with two goals apiece—that is, until Ian McDonald picked up a Tim Krymusa rebound and blasted one past New Brunswick goaltender Michael Ouzas on a power play with 11:33 remaining in the game.

Bears netminder Aaron Sorochan kept Alberta in it right until the final whistle, sporting a 40-save performance in one of his most-impressive showings of the season. McDonald would be named tournament MVP, after posting four goals and two assists to lead all players in playoff scoring.



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MORE TIME TO RELAX IN RETIREMENT Don Horwood announced in 2008 that he would leave the Bears after 26 years.

Edmonton sport scene falls flat in '08, optimistic for '09

2008 may have been a mostly-down year for sports in Edmonton, but there is optimism that things will pick up in 2009. Here is the Gateway's list of the top sports stories from the City of Champions in the past year.

REXALL EDMONTON INDY KEEPS ENGINES RUNNING

After the Champ Car World Series and the Indy Racing League struck an agreement to merge for the 2008 racing season, it was uncertain as to whether or not Edmonton would host a major auto racing event for the fourth-straight year. But the newly rechristened Rexall Edmonton Indy truck around as the thirteenth race in the 2008 IndyCar series schedule, and open-wheel racing returned to the Rexall Speedway at Edmonton City Centre Airport.

New Zealander Scott Dixon took the checkered flag on the afternoon of 26 July, winning the 91-lap race in just over 1:51:00, and would go on to win the IRL Drivers' Championship. Helio Castroneves and Justin Wilson rounded out the podium, while much-hyped female driver Danica Patrick finished 18th.

SPRING CHILL DISAPPEARS IN SUMMER

Edmonton gained a new pro team in 2008, as the Edmonton Chill played their first season in the International Basketball League. The Chill were stocked with local talent, ranging from ex-Golden Bears Phil Scherer and the Parker brothers, Stephen and Andrew, to local high school products Jermaine Bucknor and Steve Sir, who starred in the NCAA before returning home.

The Chill thrilled local crowds with the IBL's brand of high-scoring hoops, posting their first win over the Central Oregon Hotshots on 3 May. They would go undefeated at home the rest of the way and, despite a rough 2-5 road swing through Michigan and Illinois, finished the season at 13-9, good enough for a playoff spot.

However, just as quickly as the Chill

entered the Edmonton sports scene, they were gone, unofficially ceasing operations in August after allegations of misconduct were filed with the league regarding owner Troy Barns. Barns—who apparently had a mysterious financial past—left behind unpaid debts to many people, including head coach Paul Sir. Though the franchise is still listed as an active team on the IBL website, it is uncertain as to their 2009 status.

RUSH QUICK TO CHANGE DIRECTIONS

After compiling a 6-10 record in 2007, the Edmonton Rush hoped to continue progressing towards the playoffs in their third year under head coach Paul Day. Instead, disaster struck as the Rush fell flat on their faces out of the starting gate in 2008, losing six straight games to start the season. Rush owner Bruce Urban promptly fired coach Day and gave the head coach and general manager duties to former Arizona Sting bench boss Bob Hamley, who immediately started rebuilding the roster.

The changes paid short-term dividends, as the Rush won four of Hamley's first five games; however, the bottom fell out in the stretch run as the season closed with five straight blowout losses, marking the end of a forgettable 4-12 campaign.

ESKS CROSS OVER, SWITCH COACHES

2008 was full of ups and downs for the Edmonton Eskimos. Their 60th season can be summed up by the word "inconsistency," as the club never won or lost more than two games in a row all year. A relatively hot first half left the Eskis at 6-3 after a huge 37-16 Labour Day win in Calgary. Down the stretch, however, the Green and Gold just couldn't get it all together, stumbling to a final 10-8 final record—and though that wasn't enough to vault them out of the West Division cellar, it did give them a crossover playoff berth thanks to the woeful East.

Fans saw many memorable moments at Commonwealth this season—Ricky Ray breaking Warren Moon's franchise passing records, Kamau Peterson's emotional tribute to Jason Tucker after the veteran receiver broke his neck in Hamilton, and Tucker's incredible game-winning catch against Calgary in the home opener. The Eskis faithful also got an early Christmas present when new head coach Richie Hall replaced Danny Maciocia in early December. With a new head man and lots of young talent, the relative success of 2008 should carry over into 2009.

OILERS PRESCRIPTION FILLED, ILLNESS SETTING IN

Undoubtedly, the top story in Edmonton sports this year was the purchase of the Edmonton Oilers by local drugstore magnate Daryl Katz. The owner of the Rexall chain of pharmacies and the naming rights to Rexall Place had been trying to buy the club from the Edmonton Investors Group since May 2007. Despite three rejected offers, he struck gold with his fourth offer of \$200 million in February 2008.

Katz committed to spending to the NHL salary cap every season in order to attempt to build a winning team. He also promised \$100 million towards the construction of a new arena. A new training facility at the University of Alberta was also rumoured, but details have yet to come to fruition.

On the ice, the outlook wasn't so rosy for the Oil, as yet again they fell short of the playoffs in 2008, posting a 41-35-6 record to finish three points out of the postseason. Despite moves to acquire talented players such as Erik Cole and Lubomir Visnovsky during the summer, the Oilers are floundering in the cellar of the Northwest Division and are out of the playoff picture at the moment. Some figure a coaching change is necessary, while others think the lineup will change; either way, a major shakeup is likely on the horizon.

—Matt Pretty, Sports Staff

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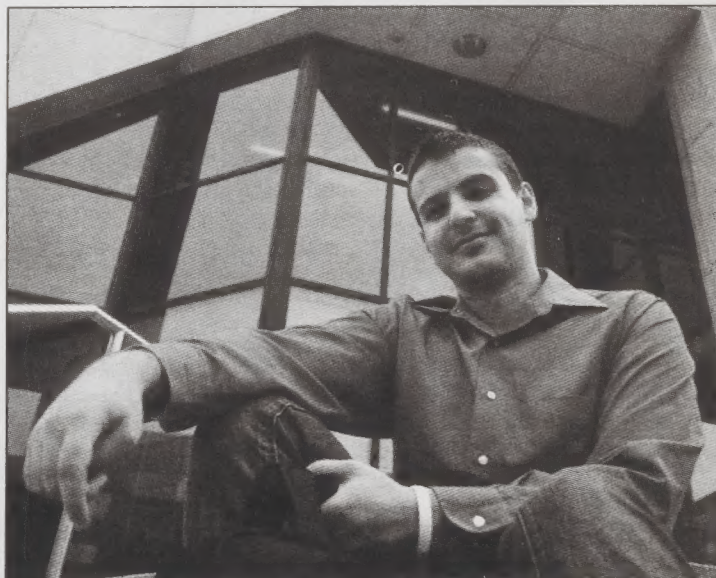
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Upsets and individual triumph highlight sports world in 2008

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From the coasts of California all the
way to the Pacific Rim, the interna-
tional sports scene left its mark again in
'08. Here are our favourites.

CELTICS BRING NBA TITLE BACK TO BEANTOWN

Bring in a couple of superstars and
see what it can do for a team—that's
what the 2007/08 Boston Celtics
did. Going from a laughable 24-win
team in 06/07 to a powerhouse team
winning 66 games the following
year, the Celtics engineered one of
the most remarkable turnarounds in
NBA history.

Led by new additions Kevin Garnett
and Ray Allen alongside longtime Celtic
Paul Pierce, Boston quickly morphed
into the NBA's most dominant force.
After securing the best record in the
regular season, the Celtics fought their
way through the playoffs to the finals.
Awaiting this re-energized franchise
were the Los Angeles Lakers—a team
that has been Boston's nemesis for
nearly two decades. To cap off a magi-
cal season, the Celtics won their first
NBA title in over 20 years, making the
07/08 Celtics one of the biggest sports
stories in 2008.

FEDERER, NADAL PUT ON A SHOW AT WIMBLEDON

In what many called the greatest tennis
match ever played, number-two seed
Rafael Nadal defeated five-time con-
secutive Wimbledon champion and
number-one seed Roger Federer in the
longest match in tournament history.
The hype going into this match was
enough to make any tennis fan sali-

vate, and it did not disappoint—taking
nearly seven hours to complete from
start to finish due to two rain delays,
the patrons at the All England Club bore
witness to a truly epic battle between
the game's best. The two matched each
other shot-for-shot all day, before Nadal
eventually triumphed over Federer to
become the king of the grass court—a
surface that Federer had otherwise
been unbeatable on.

TIGER WOODS WINS US OPEN DESPITE KNEE AILMENT

For anyone who doesn't believe that
golf is a real sport, Tiger Woods' per-
formance at the 2008 US Open should
prove otherwise. Battling an ailing left
knee all weekend, Woods proceeded
to beat the field on one leg—a testa-
ment to his perseverance and just how
dominating he is over the rest of the
golf world.

Using a club at various times
throughout the tournament as a cane
and walking up and down the green
like Dr House, Woods was able to per-
severe, capturing his third US Open
championship. Woods entered the
final round of the tournament with
a one stroke lead, but dropped three
shots in the final round and found
himself in a tie with little known
Rocco Mediate at -1.

The two faced off that Monday,
where Woods would defeat Mediate
in a playoff, capping off one of the
greatest tournaments that Torrey Pines
Golf Course had ever seen.

GIANTS STUN PATRIOTS IN SUPER BOWL XLIII

It was almost a foregone conclusion
that Bill Belichick and his New England
Patriots would walk out of Super Bowl

XLIII as champs. Only one win away
from a perfect season, and undoubtedly
being deemed one of the greatest teams
in history, the Pats let a remarkable
season turn into nothing more than
remarkable disappointment by losing
to the New York Giants in one of the
biggest upsets in pro-sports history.
Eli Manning engineered the win-
ning drive on the head of little-known
receiver David Tyree, which would
eventually lead to Plaxico Burress
hauling in the winning score with
under a minute to play.

BEIJING OLYMPICS DISPLAY INCREDIBLE INDIVIDUAL FEATS

While there were many storylines
going into the Beijing Olympics, the
biggest story coming out of the Games
was the individual feats of strength
that were watched by millions world-
wide. None were bigger than Michael
Phelps, who came into the games with
lofty expectations and was able to meet
them head on, reaching the top of the
podium in eight different events and
in the process, surpassing Mark Spitz
as the most prolific gold medalist in
single Games.

Phelps alone may have been enough
to make this the top story. Usain Bolt's
performance makes it indisputable.
The Jamaican sprinter captivated a
worldwide audience with his speed,
picking up gold in the premier event
of the games—the 100m dash. Not only
did Bolt win, but he coasted the final
stretch of the race in almost legendary
fashion leaving all of us asking "how
fast is this guy?" Bolt later captured
two more golds, cementing himself as
an Olympic great in what turned out
to be among the greatest Olympics in
the modern era.

SPORTS SHORTS

Compiled by Matt Pretty

Golden Bears Basketball

The Bears hoops squad reopened con-
ference play with a two-game series
in Calgary this past weekend. Though
Alberta held a narrow lead going into
the fourth quarter, the Dinos (10-2)
exploded for 32 points in the final frame
and took the opener 84-76. Harvey
Bradford put up an impressive line of 15
points, nine rebounds, four assists, and
two steals.

Saturday night's game was a reversal
of Friday's as Alberta put a mere
six points on the board in the second
quarter and trailed by ten at halftime.
The Bears came roaring back, however,
and scored an incredible 59 points in
the second half to split the series with
a 78-62 win—Justin Van Loo led the
team with 17 points.

This weekend, the Bears (6-6) return
home for a two-game set with the
Lethbridge Pronghorns (4-6) on both
Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm.

Pandas Basketball

Meanwhile, the Pandas basketballers
did their male counterparts one better,
sweeping the Calgary Dinos (6-6) in
two games over the weekend. Alberta
pulled out a hard-fought 68-60 win on
Friday night, as Anneka Bakker led
the way with 16 points. The Pandas
owned the glass that night, earning
a 42-27 rebounding margin over
Calgary. Megan Knowles pulled down



FILE PHOTO: PETE TAYLOR

eight rebounds, while Nicole Clarke and
Melanie Schlichter weren't far behind
with seven each. On Saturday, Alberta
rolled to an 82-61 victory, with four
players scoring in the double digits.

The Pandas (9-3) will also play two
games against Lethbridge (1-9) at the
Main Gym this weekend, tipping off at
6pm on Friday and Saturday.

Golden Bears Hockey

The puck Bears participated in some
exhibition action last weekend, play-
ing in the SAIT THAA Challenge Cup
in Calgary.

After posting a 6-5 shootout win
over the University of Regina Cougars
on Friday, Alberta scored with only
1:18 left in regulation to defeat the host
SAIT Trojans (ACAC) 4-3 to win the
tournament.

The Golden Bears (11-2-1) return

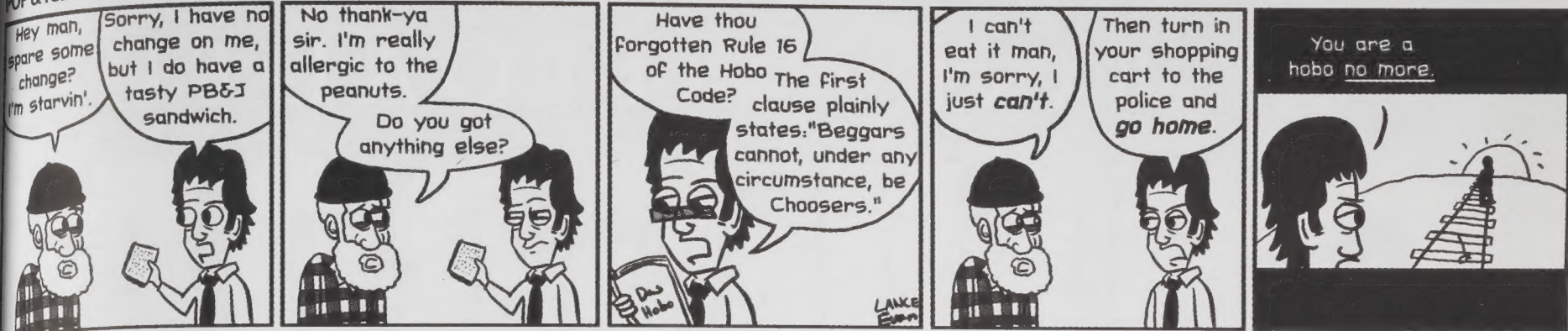
to conference action this weekend as
they play a home-and-home with the
Calgary Dinos (6-9-1), hosting the
Dinos on Saturday night at 7:30pm at
Clare Drake, before travelling to Calgary
for the return match on Sunday.

Golden Bears Volleyball

It was a mostly happy new year for
Alberta as they traveled south for some
exhibition action against NCAA oppo-
nents. They defeated Cal-Irvine 3-1 on
New Year's Eve, before splitting a pair
of matches at Long Beach State, earn-
ing 3-0 win on Friday and dropping a
3-1 decision on Saturday.

The Bears (10-0 in conference play)
will return home for a quick turnaround
before heading back out on the road
to play Saskatchewan (0-10) in two
games this Friday and Saturday in
Saskatoon.

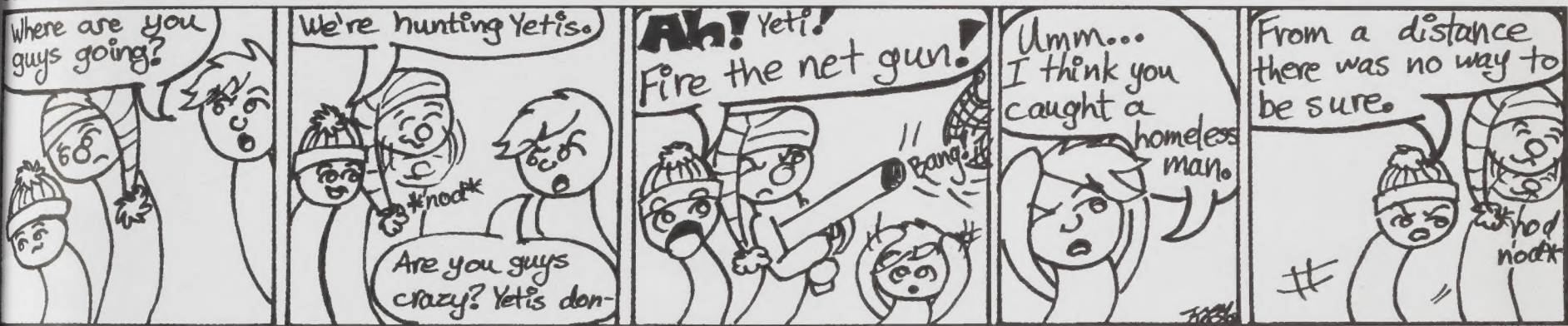
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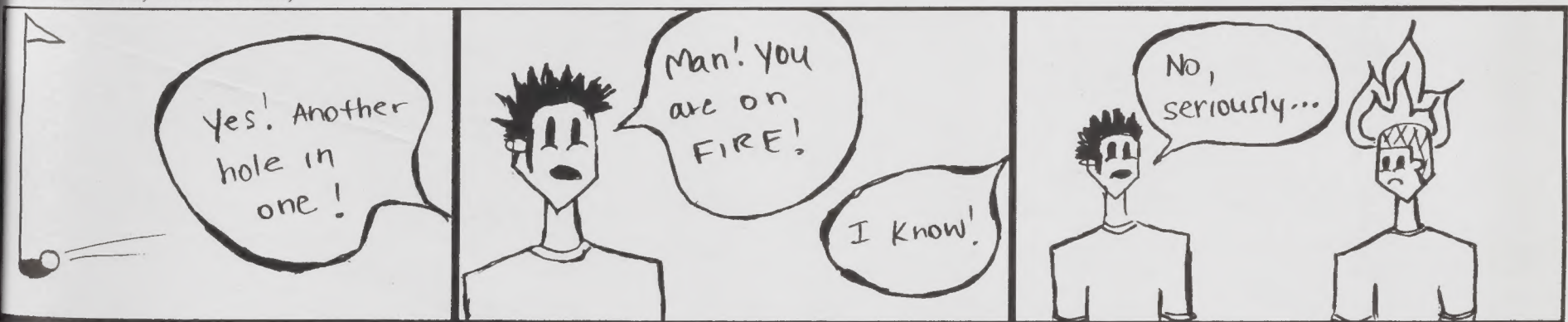
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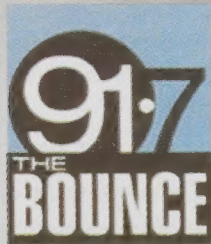
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